

# Words Of Wisdom

*And*

*Sermons From The Heart*

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Words To Encourage During a Crisis



***Jesus is the bread of life*** Bread served more than one purpose in early biblical times. Bread is used as an illustration for many more things in the bible. Manna was the bread from heaven. Unleavened bread was a part of a ritual and it was used and eaten during the early biblical age to signify piety and cleansing.

The shew bread is the bread that was traditionally dedicated to the lord and only consumed by the priest. This was the bread that was sacred. The shew bread was indicative of a certain spiritual condition. The person privileged to eat this sacrificial bread was to be cleansed of their sins prior to consumption. This process was a ceremonial ritual that took place at the altar. Bread was a major part of the offering ritual. This epoch was characteristic of breads used to create a spiritual reckoning. The table is used as a sacrificial offering of the bread and wine in the Holy Communion. This sacrificial offering was also referred to as the Eucharist, a Christian sacrament commemorating the Last Supper by consecrating bread and wine.

The bread of life is referring to the table. Jesus says we must partake of the table, meaning we must participate in the Eucharist, or Holy Communion symbolical of our union with God. In fact; God states as often as we do this there is life in the body. In Psalms 23 it reads; thou prepareth a table in the presence of my enemies. It's the table that is our protection; it is the life of Jesus Christ, the bread, and the blood that he shed for us on Calvary that is the wine which He offers that has the redemptive qualities which He provides as the atonement for our sins.

**Manna** : God gave bread from heaven, this was called Manna. This bread served the Israelite's in the wilderness. They never had to worry about food or clothing. In fact; their shoes never wore out. God provided everything they needed. That's exactly what he will do for you, if you ask Him.

**Matzo**- Is the brittle flattened bread that is eaten during Passover. Passover is the time that Moses spread the blood over the door post so that the angel of death would pass over the children of God, who followed Moses, to save them from death. This was during the period that Moses was called to free the Israelites from Egypt. This was part of the waiting period where Pharaoh refused to free the Egyptian slaves and brought punishment upon his entire army.

**Hallah** – Is the bread of Judaism it is the leavened bread made with eggs and yeast then braided, brushed egg whites and baked. Yeast is typically breads that are forbidden for sacrificial breads and offerings because they are unclean. Yeast is bacteria, fungi usually generated during the spoiling process in foods and beverages. During these times they had no refrigeration or ways of preserving foods therefore; certain foods would spoil and some could cause worms due to the bacteria content, therefore they were deemed unclean and forbidden.

Those who follow religious practices not of Jesus Christ use these breads as offerings, they are also unclean. The story of Judah is the area that was repeatedly punished in the bible. Judah was burned down due to the severe sinful nature of its inhabitants. Judah and Jerusalem were the two twin regions that were always under attack because of the sinful nature of the people who dwelt there. They fell into captivity because they sinned over and over again. Their constant backslidden mode and state of being, lead to the religious culture of Judaism. Judea is an ancient kingdom of southern Palestine with Jerusalem as its center. Judea is the southern part of ancient Palestine succeeding the kingdom of Judah; a Roman province at the time of Christ. We all know that it was the Roman soldier's who crucified Christ at Golgotha, in translation the place of skulls, the hill near Jerusalem now known to every Christian as the place called Calvary.



This history is continued in the full edition of this version of Words of Wisdom and Sermons from the Heart. The history and the stories that lead to the dissension and the start of the religious movements that has shaped the world as we know it today and how the consistency of those same behaviors will generate the same type of despair and woes that we are seeing manifest in modern day times.

In the following pages you will find a compilation of sermons, teachings and messages that are meant to inspire and motivate you to live a Christ centered life. The true inspiration is knowing that you are doing every thing you can possibly do to make your life a success. It's taking advantage of every tool that is made available to you to generate the best results through applying the knowledge and godly wisdom that it takes to achieve the optimum life and that is also what it takes to live a godly life.

Understanding the magnitude of your choices and deciding to make the right decisions that will impact your life and those around you in a positive way so that it will create an auspicious concatenation is sagacious, nimble and considered being prudent enough to create a felicitous calculus so that your life will exhibit the true inheritance of Christ Jesus. The evidence of the manifestation of God's word is the best illustration of how the word of God works. It's the faith with works that matters, every thing else will be burned. In other words; only what you do for Christ will last; everything else in life is only temporary.

There are treasures that are stored in heaven that will not fade away and when you get there, it's all for you. There are no coveters, liars, whoremongers or thieves there. No one else gets the credit for your work there other than you. God sees all and knows all and there is no out smarting God everyone gets what they deserve. You can't even make it there with an unclean thought. That's right; every word spoken and every thought you will be held accountable for. That's all the more reason that you start first with getting your thought life aligned with God. Rebuke any unclean thought those are the fiery darts that Satan throws at your mind when he cannot get you to sin. Sin starts in the mind and if you entertain the thought often enough it will manifest into the action. Rebuke evil and it will flee from you. Rebuke Satan's strategies in the name of Jesus, and he has to flee. That's the blood shed on Calvary that provides the power to resist evil.

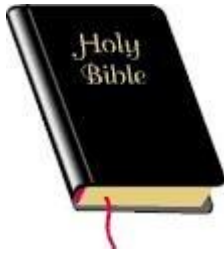
As you read through these positive life changing words remember where the wisdom comes from and apply it as it is supposed to be applied, as the tools needed to navigate your life so that you will live for eternity with Christ Jesus. It is the priceless inheritance that God has chosen to leave with you so that you will experience the optimum life. Everything that life was intended to be; wonderful, precious, glorious, beautiful and fulfilling. It can't be any of those things without the tools you need to develop your relationship with God. Only in Christ Jesus can we receive the benefits of a fulfilling life. It's when we are cognizant of the factors that change our circumstances in a favorable way is when we have discovered the power of living a successful life. Life without the power, which is exhibited in the freedom, to make the right choices that will benefit you is releasing a yoke of bondage that will enslave you to the point that it can produce unfavorable results. That is the difference of knowing your inheritance you realize that the right tools produce the right results when you apply them, anything else will perish. In other words; having the right tools, but not using them is moot. Not having the right tools to complete the desired task is disastrous and chaotic; it's simply setting your self up for failure.



Let your journey begin with the stories, words and the insightful lessons mentioned here. We will explore the relentless paths of many of the great men and women who deemed the right to harness wisdom as an inimitable privilege. The wisdom of God is unparalleled to any other knowledge. It is the primary factor which determines the origin of our soul. The ability to understand the magnitude that the word has on your life can only be experienced when you look closely at the events in the past, present and future. The concatenation of circumstances can be exhibited in a way that it reveals the principles of life that are pertinent to living successfully. This book will teach you the value of having a close relationship with God. Then examine yourself to ensure that you fully grasp the concept and apply the principles to achieve the optimum success in life.

There are a myriad of things we can accomplish in life, but it is the most valuable things that determine the quality of life. The quality life we all aspire to live can be achieved with the ability to know how to think and how to develop the stamina it takes to recover from the wiles of the devil. It is the wisdom in knowing how to maneuver in the midst of a storm and the assertiveness to meander around the obstacles.

This is a start to the practice of incorporating the proper tools in your every day life so that you will receive the advantage of your inheritance in Christ Jesus. Meditate on God night and day. This is the beginning of a new way of thinking. It's all about God and what He has for your life. Find out what it is and start doing it; it's your purpose, that's why you were created. You won't ever be fulfilled without living your purpose. There will always be a void. Only God can fill that void.



## When the Lord Tests You

### Deuteronomy 12

And the sign or the wonder comes to pass of which he spoke to you, saying. Let us go after other god's which you have not known and let us serve them. You shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams for the Lord your God is testing you to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. You shall walk after the Lord your God fear Him and keep His commandments and obey His voice, you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him. But that prophet or dreamer shall be put to death.

The person who enticed you to serve a false god shall be put to death. These demonic beings come in many forms of persuasion all meant to stray you away from the right way of living to deceive you into living the wrong way to cause you to lose your soul. Verse 12:7 God commands that you do not serve the gods of the people around you, near to you or far from you from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth. You shall not consent to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him, nor conceal him.

You should treat him as an enemy because he sought to entice you away from the Lord your God to snare your soul. Snaring your soul means damnation forever. Eternally separated from the loving kindness of the Lord means that you would never have goodness you would live miserably and be surrounded with misery for eternity. Every bad thing that God has ever created happens to those in hell. That's the place for those who do not believe in God, they go to Hell. "You cannot serve two masters you will love one and hate the other." "That means that you can not serve God and mammon." The person who entices you to serve a false God is an enemy and should be regarded as such because they have sought to curse you.

In Deuteronomy 11: 26 The Lord gives specific instructions of what we are to do and how we are to regard him. "Behold I set before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you today; and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.

There are many privileges for living a righteous life. God makes promises and He always keeps them. In chapter 15, verse 6 it reads; "For the Lord your God will bless you just as He promised you: you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. In layman terms; this means that God will provide for you bountifully, enough that you can afford to be a blessing to others. You will have an abundance of things so that you will have more than you need to help others if need be. This goes

with the phrase; "it is more blessed to give than receive." This is true it's better to be in a position to give than to be in a position of need and not have. This is why if you are blessed make sure you follow the commandments of God in order to continue to be blessed with abundance this also could be a test to see if you can be trusted with wealth, (i.e. blessings). It is obvious here that God is stating that you shall be in a position of a lender, not a borrower as a position of debt as a result of a blessing and a promise, this is a good thing. The borrower is traditionally in a state of lack. This can happen in a myriad of ways; sometimes it's through oppression, sickness, a spirit of laziness, depression and fear. Whatever it is it is an evil affliction. We know that many are the afflictions of the righteous, but God will deliver us (the believer) out of them all. For those who serve false Gods their problems have only just begun; it is a series of test put upon them and they will fail each and every one of them because the devil has blinded their eyes. In other words; they cannot spiritually, mentally or physically discern the truth, which is God, therefore; they can't discern the things of God either. The bible tells us that "those who walk righteously shall not lack any good thing." Obedience is what makes us a believer of God. The believer should not be a borrower. "Those who love me will obey me." This is true of whom you love. Look at it this way you love your parents therefore you make a conscientious effort to obey them. Anyone you love you want to please. Obedience should not be difficult for someone who claims to love God. That is what qualifies and quantifies you as a believer.

In Deuteronomy 12:32 What ever I command you, be careful to observe it, you shall not add to it nor take away from it.

Ah bon, you see; some people diletante around with things that are ungodly and they rely on these things to bring them the blessings God promises. The true believer knows that you can't receive the things of God from any other source other than God. God holds the key to success. "I am the author and finisher of your success." Success means wealth, and the good health to enjoy it. Some people tend to believe that they can receive auspiciousness through other means; outside of the realm of God. It doesn't quite work that way. They may experience temporary relief but it is all short lived. Do not be dismayed when the wicked appear to prosper they shall quickly perish.

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." So that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" and that He may send Jesus Christ who was preached to you before." Acts 3:19.

The true blessings come from God the things that we cherish most, good health, wealth to enjoy the good health, posterity and prosperity, successful relationships, good family and friends the things that God promises, the blessings of life. A good long life filled with joy and happiness is truly only something that God can give. Good health is essential to live a good life, this only God can give. Acts 4:7; "And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, "By what power or by what name have you done this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel; "If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well. "let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole." Trusting in God for His goodness and blessings of good health enables us to receive what we believe. If you do not believe you cannot receive what you can not conceive. You cannot conceive what you do not believe.

Isaiah 51:6 “Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look on the earth beneath. For the heavens will vanish away like smoke. The earth will grow old like a garment and those who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will live forever, and my righteousness will not be abolished.”

Heaven and earth will pass away but God’s word shall never pass. “For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.” Galatians 5:5.

Faith comes by hearing, hearing of the word of God. Thank you God for allowing me to listen and hear your word.

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## ***Weekly Word***

The Lord redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned; Psalms 34:22. Well that's comforting news. It's always nice to know that someone has your back; and God does. This statement simply means that no matter what you do if you choose God as your personal Lord and savior Jesus Christ your soul is protected. The way you do that is by saying **Romans 10:9**; ***"if you confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved."*** This is extremely important because some people go through life wasting time, doing things that just won't matter. When it all comes down to it, only what you do for Christ will last, everything else is simply temporal. Once you have recanted the sinner's prayer "**Romans 10:9**" then you must get baptized in accordance with Mark 16:16, ***those who believe and are baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.***

Condemnation is a powerful statement, it means damned forever and ever. For all eternity separated from God and the things of God. It means at a place where there is only darkness, no light, no love, no truth, no honesty, no respect, no morals, no values and no goodness. You see, without God it is impossible to have love, because God is love and without Him, there is no righteousness, there is no justice and there is no peace. There is a certain beauty with love like no other it can be seen far beyond the surface. Beauty is only skin deep for humans; but with God it is an inner beauty that God looks for in us, that is the evidence of Him, his love. It is only possible with God, and out of that love develops a trust in Him that he will protect and take care of you and all of your needs. He will do what he says he will do.

The dictionary describes condemnation in many ways; 1. The condition of being strongly disapproved of. 2. An expression of strong disapproval; pronouncing as wrong or morally culpable. 3. An appeal to some supernatural power to inflict evil on some individual or group. Well they are all accurate but the final, the third explanation is more precise. It explicitly describes the fact that there is a supernatural power, who is God that will inflict an evil on the wicked. Disobedience to God will evolve into eternal damnation. The only way to get saved is to choose to serve God, without the confession and the acts, or behaviors that mimic Christ, it is impossible to serve God. Your bible is the first tool to remain steadfast in His word.



The bible will keep you on track and help you understand what you can and cannot do as a born again Christian.

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**Isaiah Chapter 11: 1-4**



This text re-iterates the faith of the gospel told in Isaiah 11:1-16. Faith requires that we are to be lead in righteousness; not easily swayed by what we see or hear. The faith to believe in God regardless of the circumstances is a pre-requisite of the gospel. These are the principles of Jesus Christ. The basic premise of obedience to God requires that we live as instructed by the gospel.

With the spirit of the lord, there are the benefits of knowing what to do and when to do it. At times it's difficult to live in this world with so many distractions, but if you believe in God and stay firm to your beliefs you will find that every time God will render what he says. He will keep you grounded. You will have the wisdom to lead a comfortable life. Prosperity and good health will be a guarantee. In the passages God is addressing the many spirits that will be revealed in Jesus. He is foretelling the future prophetically. He is preparing the believer for the arrival of something great, as he speaks prophetically through his word.

“There shall come forth a rod from the stem of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the lord.”

Life can be perplexing. It's nice to know what to hold on to. In the truth of Jesus Christ you will know what to hold on to because the lord God will be your anchor. He is an anchor to your soul. Your soul can be attached to many things in life, but the only thing that will save your soul is Jesus Christ. The attachment to God will reveal a successful life no matter what, it looks like. In fact, the text continues on and it reads that He will not judge according to what he sees, he will judge in righteousness.

In verse 4 God speaks of Jesus' faithful relationship with Him revealed in Jesus' power because of obedience. The obedience will enable the spirit's, spoke of above, to reside in Jesus and will allow those spirits to reside in you, when you are filled with the holy spirit of Jesus Christ. As a result Jesus and you will be delighted in the lord God. “His delight is in the fear of the Lord, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears; but with righteousness He shall judge the poor and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of His lips. He shall slay the wicked.”

This is important because in today's modern day times the laws of the land differ from the laws of God, even though the foundation of America is in God we trust. The modern day trend seems to mimic a way of disparity. Things that are an abomination to God, such as; prostitution, now legal in

Las Vegas, the legalization of Marijuana, gay marriage is being challenged more often now than ever, and in some places is considered acceptable, even though not nationally recognized as a legal marriage and not acceptable in the church, of course; rightfully so, it opposes God's law. However; there is a constant push for the acknowledgment of laws that are abominations to God. Even when man's law says its okay, we should have the word of God rooted and grounded in us, like an anchor, to continue to lead us in the right way, morally. Without God's law, you won't know what to do and when to do it.



Like most poetry and Shakespearean literature, yet; the word of God is revealed through God's spirit. In the word of God the meanings are much deeper than it reads. In verse 4 it reads; "the rod of his mouth and the breath of His lips." Meaning every word spoken from the mouth of God renders what He says, the results He promised according to His intent of His purpose. The word says that God will destroy those who are disobedient with the sword. The sword of the Lord is His word. God is the word and the word is God. He is the bread of life needed in order to live life and survive the things of this world; without God you will not survive.

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**"Forsake not the fellowship."** Sometimes the only one you have to fellowship with, is God, remember to not forsake it. Going to church without God is not fellowshiping with God. Not responding to God's word is going to church without God. The Holy Spirit will make you responsive to His word. The church is not just a meeting place it's the house of God, without God, it's just a building. The bible says; we are the church remember to keep your temple holy, for He is holy.

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## ***THE LAMP***

**L**uke Chapter 11:34; “The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness. Luke 11:35 “Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness.” “If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, the whole body will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light.”

**T**his scripture specifically deals with the inner soul of your being. Most people go through life believing that there is only one facet to their existence, and often times it’s their exterior being, what people see the face that they put on in front of others. What they fail to realize is that God sees the inside, in fact God says that the eyes of the Lord are a lamp onto the body, searching the inner most parts of the body. In other words, God looks into our soul. The condition of the soul is revealed through the eyes. In biblical days, their eyesight did not dim. Moses lived nine hundred years and his sight did not dim. This passage of scripture deals with the condition of the body revealed in the physical condition of the body. The way our life is has a tremendous amount to due with the things and people we come into contact with. Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers their condition can become yours. The wicked looks to the godly to inhabit their blessings, because the god they serve doesn’t render any, no matter what it looks like and seems like.

**T**he true character of a person will be revealed in their physical condition. Often times the conduct of a person is who they are. We will witness the behavior of a person and simply disregard it as just a bad day or just a mere slip up of words. Sometimes this is true, but many times what is in the heart will be revealed in their conduct. Even when it is a rare occasion, it is indicative of what is your heart. If it is not favorable behavior, it requires prayer. The darkness which dwells in the person who is void of the light causes behavior that is unsuitable for both God and for men.

## Proverbs Chapter 29

He who is often rebuked and hardens his neck will suddenly be destroyed and without remedy. God warns us about disobedience to his word. The conscious willful act of disobedience leads to destruction. Oftentimes destruction is God's wrath and it comes in many forms; sickness, disease, plagues, pestilence and relationship problems, financial difficulties, a loss of self esteem. These circumstances will oftentimes make you feel as if you are experiencing a strand of back luck.

Everyone wants to live a life of auspiciousness. That is obtainable with Christ Jesus. Have you ever thought a life where everything works for you all the time? I have and it is possible, when you live for Christ. Psalm 1 reads that when you live the right way for God everything you do will prosper; whether people want you to or not. God is the author and finisher of your success. Remember it is the things you do that generate your success and the level thereof. Sure, you can obtain some temporary good luck as some would call it, which leads to some good breaks; but true success is long lived and abundant and that only comes from God in exchange for your true worship and praise. Those who serve God must worship Him in spirit and truth. The only way that you can serve God the right way is obedience. Every time you have a chance to do the right thing, apply the principles of God and do what you think is right. If you don't know what is right, study your bible and pray for an understanding of God's word and answer from God. You'll find that this is a rewarding way to live and a lot less stressful. Take everything to the Lord in prayer and He will bless you when you do what is required.

Living righteously has a permeating affect. You will touch the lives of others with positive reinforcement that will benefit your life and others when they can see you as an exponent of goodwill and righteousness. Your success and positive lifestyle will be encouraging. It's essential to live righteously to maintain order systematically. Verse 2 reads; when the righteous are in authority the people rejoice, but when a wicked man rules the people groan. Your righteousness is a leadership quality. People will trust you to make good sound decisions and that will promote you throughout life. It's nice to be known for having good character. When people are wicked it's usually narcissistic. Their power and wealth is only beneficial to them, when they have an opportunity to do what is right, which makes them righteous, they won't because the course of this world is secondary to their needs. That's why we as society have a fiduciary responsibility to all to honor God and do what is right to each other; that is spreading the gospel through goodwill. It builds a better world and stronger society for us all to enjoy. The wicked does not understand righteousness, but for a wise righteous person it is innate. Verse 26; Many seek the ruler's favor, but justice comes from the Lord. In other words; many people will seek an influential person's favor but the most important favor is God's. You will have the desire to live a good life, full of righteousness and honor when you maintain God's principles and laws; you will also receive the reciprocal value of a long blessed life.

Verse 26; an unjust man is an abomination to the righteous, and he who is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked. In life you must decide how you will live. The decision to live right may not be acceptable to everyone, especially when they are not righteous. Be prepared to part ways with those who does want to live right. Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers. It will cost you. Verse 24: whoever is a partner with a thief hates his own life. This scripture tells us that certain

behaviors will cause conditions that are unfavorable and difficult; tumult. Don't get caught up in someone else's bad luck, just by association, because it can adversely affect your life.

Until next time; God bless you. Stay on track and remember to do the right thing whenever you can; and by all means stay in prayer.

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## **The Call of Jeremiah**

The book of Jeremiah is a very interesting book of the bible it reveals prophecy of great and mighty things of God almighty. Jeremiah was to help establish the word of God in Jerusalem and Israel. God was displeased with the disposition of the land of Israel. The land of Israel was once the first fruit of God. But due to their wickedness in following after false God's they angered the lord so much that God was ready to destroy them. But due to the loving kindness of the Lord he chose Jeremiah to speak to them before he would destroy them as a warning to enable them to turn from their wicked ways and serve God in righteousness. He anointed his mouth to speak the word and he gave him visions and explained them explicitly. This was part of the preparation to preach the gospel and spread the good news. As the story goes:

As the land grew the Israelites began to fall into different customs, they began to serve foreign gods. They prayed and burned incense to false gods. Even after they had been delivered, brought out of bondage and slavery, and given a great land their hearts turned cold towards the Lord because of their sin. This is the beginning of a sinful nature. Sin causes separation from God because evil and good cannot dwell in the same place. God and Satan cannot dwell in the same place and neither can their purpose. The purpose of Satan is to do evil. The purpose of God is to do well through love. The more they sinned the further away from God they went until eventually their hearts became stony. The conscious becomes seared and the person of sin no longer recognizes sin as sin. It becomes easier and easier to sin becomes it no longer bothers them. When God saves us; God and his holy spirit enters our hearts and minds upon submission to his will and that is our safeguard against a seared conscious. The more proactive we are in his word and his deeds the closer we stay to God, it's called obedience to God's will. Well the Israelites became swayed by culture and the masses. The same is true today people are often swayed by their peer groups. They compromised their salvation for; in this day in age it could be called popularity. God had given them wealth and the fruit of the land. They had no need to serve any other God, he had delivered them. Yet, their hearts drew cold because of disobedience. It's a funny thing about disobedience it starts very subtle oftentimes it comes in the form of what will you be willing to compromise. Is it a lie you are willing to tell? Perhaps it is suppressing the truth by not willing to stand up for the truth that is the same as a lie. God is the spirit of truth to deny the truth is to deny God. Revelations 22 reads that who will not inherit the kingdom of God, but he who practices a lie. Denying the truth is practicing a lie. The Israelites were willing to accept a lie and serve a false God rather than live according to the truth of the gospel. But before God would destroy them he offered them a way of escape. That way was through Jeremiah the prophet. God knew the job would be hard that's why he prepared Jeremiah, he warned him that they would fight against him but he promised to be with him. Spreading the good news of the gospel is difficult at times, but living it can be even harder in a modern day Israel. But God promises to be there for us, he offers his deliverance and that's a guarantee. We can be assured that God will never leave us nor forsake us he is our safety net, the blessed assurance that we all need and can always count on. The road gets hard but God is always there to wipe away the tears and strengthen our hearts, remove the yoke and ease the burden. That is his promise.

God said he would utter his voice against their wickedness. There were specific types of judgment that God would bring upon them for this type of sin. God says I will give their wives to others, and their fields to those who will inherit them; because from the least even to the greatest everyone is

given to covetousness; from the prophet even to the priest everyone deals falsely. They compromised their walk with God for nothing. In fact, there is nothing God will not give us if we ask him, in Jesus name. There was no need to covet. But that is what sin does it clouds our thinking until we don't remember the word of God. Therefore; how can you believe unless you know? They did not know they did not have to covet all they had to do was obey God and ask. They did not ask and so they coveted. Nonetheless; the great sin was unpardonable without repentance. Yet; they procrastinated even though God extended the hand of redemption on many occasions. Their sins piled up, first there was covetousness then serving false gods, then oppression, and the list goes on. That is the character of sin it doesn't work alone, it opens the door to other sin.

The sin they so greatly committed against God was that they chose to serve a tree and a stone rather than serve God. Jeremiah 2:27 "Saying to a tree, you are my father" and to a stone, "You gave birth to me" for they have turned their back to me and not their face. But in the time of their trouble they will say "arise and save us" But where are your gods that you have made for yourselves? Let them arise, if they can save you in the time of your trouble for according to the number of your cities are your gods. Why will you plead with me? You all have transgressed against me, says the lord. The book of Jeremiah is about serving false Gods. Judah, Jerusalem and Israel all fell sway to the devil and served false idols. So God said do not pray for these people or lift up a cry or prayer for them, for I will not hear them in the time that they cry out to me because of their trouble. He says they do evil then rejoice. His holy flesh has passed from them. They were once saved then they backslid. God offered redemption but they did not take heed. He says in Jeremiah 11: 17 For the Lord of hosts who planted you has pronounced doom against you for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah which they have done against themselves to provoke me to anger in offering incense to Baal. They burned incense to their statues much like today's Buddhist. This is a great sin in the eyes of God which requires repentance. Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead you shall be saved".

God said even their worship was false. Jeremiah 7:2 "Stand in the gate of the Lord's house and proclaim there this word and say, "hear the word of the Lord, all you of Judah who enter in at these gates to worship the lord. Thus says the Lord of host the God of Israel "Amend your ways and your doings in this place. Do not trust in these lying words saying "The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are these. For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings, if you thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbor. If you do not oppress the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, or walk after other gods to your hurt, I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever. This was the promise and still is the promise of God concerning Israel. He asked them to turn from their wicked ways to be delivered of their backsliding. Such an easy request for all that they could gain. In fact God specifically stated that their disobedience is to their own hurt.

God asked them time and time again. Jeremiah 7:23 but this is what I commanded them saying "obey my voice and I will be your God and you shall be my people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you that it may be well with you.

Jeremiah 8:9 how can you say we are wise and the law of the Lord is with us? Look the false pen of the scribe certainly works falsehood. The wise men are ashamed they are dismayed and taken. Behold they have rejected the word of the Lord so what wisdom do they have?

Jeremiah 8:12 God said were they ashamed when they committed these abominations? No! They were not at all ashamed nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall: in the time of their punishment they shall be cast down says the Lord. I will surely consume them. The things I have given to them shall pass away from them.

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## II Chronicles Chapter 14

Then the spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, who stood above the people and said to them. Thus says God. Why do you transgress the commandments of the Lord, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the lord, he has also forsaken you. It is a natural position of the lord to prevent prosperity of the wicked. So even though the wicked appears to prosper we know that their prosperity is short lived. If the principles of God are not adhered to, the blessings of abundant living and prosperity is removed. You see, there is a direct correlation between the success of the child of God, who has lived an obedient life to God and the success they receive in life. True obedience comes in the form of giving honor to which honor is due. Some people have part of it right but they still neglect the more important matters. Give to Cesar what is Cesar's. Do what is necessary to honor God's authority. Some people only accept what they want to accept what is comfortable for them but, true comfort comes from Godly obedience. Living a godly life is only possible when you live according to every aspect of God's word. Serving God in spirit and truth is the only service to God. It is impossible to serve Him any other way, the person who believes they can serve God any other way is simply fooling themselves. Typically; it is a demonic spirit which has dominated the person and that causes them to believe in the compromise of the word of God.

Do you think that God blesses those who refuse to follow His instructions? If that were true there would be no reason to have the law of God, if he would not honor his own word and render what He says he would render for disobedience, then the word of God would be of no affect. There would be no purpose for His law. Well, we all know there is a good reason the word of God is the only principle and law that this world was founded upon; and it will truly sustain the test of time. Heaven and earth shall pass away but my word shall never pass. Every word which proceeds out of the mouth of God shall render what it has spoken.

As the story goes in II Chronicles Chapter 24, the people of Judah and Jerusalem were slow to respond to God's word that the priest Jehoiada had spoken to them. 24:5 reads; "Go out to the cities of Judah, and gather from all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that you do it quickly" However; the Levites did not do it quickly. When God gives instruction He expects us to act quickly. It requires an immediate response. Some people think they have all the time in the world to respond to God's word, well this text will reveal otherwise. In essence they rejected the lord's way when they did not respond to God's word immediately, therefore; God ushered in a contrary spirit, an evil spirit. When a person rejects God's word it is considered disobedience. What causes rejection is disobedience thus; it is the spirit of disobedience that summons with the behavior of noncompliance. The spirit of the devil is immediately brought upon those who do not comply. It doesn't matter whether you know the reason why you should do what God is requiring or not. In other words; arguing with God doesn't carry any weight. God doesn't care what you think about the matter it is your obedience that is most important. That is what protects your soul.

The king instructed the people to bring the chest, which is the chest that Moses carried with him with the sacred things of the days of the wilderness, those things which were holy. He instructed them to put them in the church. They decided not to comply immediately so the devil sent one of his workers to break into the church and steal the chest and use it to serve idols. This is typical of

these types of situations; again, whenever God is rejected, in the form of being non-responsive, Satan sends a spirit of wickedness to respond instead. “For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken into the house of God, and had also presented all the dedicated things of the house of the Lord to the Baals.”

Eventually the king made a proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to bring to the Lord the collection that Moses the servant of God had imposed in Israel in the wilderness. This was vital because they complied finally and the leaders rejoiced. They came together and gave in honor of God and according to the word of the Lord. They built and restored the church and the word of God and the work of God increased and spread throughout Judah and Jerusalem. Their adherence to the word of God created auspiciousness. But when Jehoiada the priest died, the king fell prey to the demonic practices of the people, and served false Gods. Hence; they angered the Lord and God said;” Then the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, who stood above the people and said to them. “Thus says God: “Why do you transgress the commandments of the Lord, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the Lord, He also has forsaken you.” So they conspired against him, and at the command of the king they stoned him with stones in the house of the Lord. Before God gave up on them he sent prophets to them, to bring them back to the Lord; and they testified against them, but they would not listen. They did not respond quickly enough, they probably had not planned on responding at all that’s why God spoke the curse of poverty upon them. No matter how hard they worked they would not prosper because they transgressed against God by serving false idols.

When God gives direction, instruction take heed, it is for your good that He directs you, if you do not you will wish you had. As the story continues a Satanic attack stirred up a war and caused the Syrians to fight against Judah and Jerusalem eventually they got slaughtered even though they outnumbered the Syrian army because the hand of the Lord was not on Judah and Jerusalem, idol worship had separated them from God. Not responding to the word of God is disobedience which opens the door to other sin that includes idol worship. Warning: do not ignore the word of God. The reason people reject God’s word is because of narcissism they put themselves before God, and whatever they choose to do in lieu of honoring His commands. It is a demonic spirit which causes one to not be obedient and that requires prayer and fasting.

The king was eventually killed and buried, not honorably with the other kings, not regarded as honorable because of his disobedience to the will of God. With God there is always a greater purpose for what He commands, don’t let your plans interrupt God’s plans because God will surely cancel your plans, He is the master planner. “God’s plans don’t change because of people, people change because of God’s plan.”

## “Unequally Yoked”

Hosanna is heard when they shout greetings at Jesus’ arrival. They chant Hosanna, Hosanna son of David upon the arrival of Jesus Christ into the city, hopes of a savior the welcomed expectation of deliverance. But this message is about a different hope it comes from the chosen person of God Hosea not Hosanna it is not a cry of praise it is a cry for help. Hosea was the son of Beerli who dwelt in the land of Judah during the years of Hezekiah the king of Judah. God used Hosea much like he did Jeremiah to speak to the people of the land of Judah and witness against their sin. This was a place with great harlotry. They served foreign gods, false gods. Therefore; God used Hosea to bring the people from their backslidden ways. God instructs Hosea to marry a wife of another custom, an unsaved unbeliever. It is typically ungodly to marry someone of a different faith or as it is often referenced, not saved. God specifically warns us to be not unequally yoked with unbelievers. He realizes that there is a spirit that is at work in the life of an unbeliever. God knows that a curse is on the life of an unbeliever; and unless you want to live under a curse he advises us not to be together with sinners. Yet; in this rare instance God uses Hosea to take a woman who serves a false god as his wife to bring her and the people of Judah near. This would save the people of Judah. He was instructed to give her children, and those children would become children of God. This is a rare, one and only time that God has ever done this. God gave Hosea Gomer as a wife to bare him a son Jezreel. God raised up his own from the seed of Judah to come against the house of Jehu to bring an end to Israel. The generation that previously served God had now gone backwards, and they taught their children to be disobedient as well. You see in many instances, children follow the ways of their parents. This is why the parents will pay double for leading those astray. God says it would be better to hang a milestone around their neck and toss them into the sea than to cause one of my little ones to sin. So the child of Hosea would be a son for the house of God. A start to an awakening of Judah and Israel and God called the days of Jezreel great.

This is interesting because often time’s people will agree to follow God with their mouth yet in their hearts they are far from him. They wanted to do what they wanted to, signifying that their hearts were not right. Their will was not to please God. Therefore; they created a god that would endorse their behavior, a god that would accept their ways similar to a child. A rebellious child does not desire to hear the instruction of their parents; they have their own way of doing things and nothing or no one can convince them otherwise. They lack respect for their parents, so in many cases they choose a group of friends or gangs, a subculture, occult, a peer group that will embrace their ways or their behavior. That is what an unbeliever does, and that is what Judah and Israel did in the book of Hosea they insisted on being disobedient. God says he no longer would have mercy on the house of Israel that he would destroy it for their disobedience and their refusal to serve him. God said that for a while as long as the people would not take heed to his word he would punish them they would be cut off. But he had mercy on Judah as soon as they were willing to repent turn from their devious, wicked ways they would again be his people and he would be their God. But God gave a prophetic word to Hosea; he promised to deliver both Judah and Israel in the day of Jezreel. The birth of Jezreel brought about a new generation of worshippers, those who would serve the Lord God of Israel. God used what was bad to bring about something good. Romans 8:28 says “All things work together for the good for those who love God and are called according to his good will and purpose”. He went to a city of harlotry to take it back so that they would be saved. It is the loving kindness of the Lord that continuously renders mercy and grace upon the unsaved, of those who



walk in unbelief. Many times you will hear those who claim to be Christians say I'm a believer, yet their actions prove otherwise. This is when God sends the spirit of harlotry. Hosea 4:12. Oftentimes; God test the spirit of people to judge their walk with him, to judge their heart. To see if they will apply the word as it is intended. It is not to learn and store by putting it on a shelf. It is to be used in everyday life, for every occasion. If it is not used and applied to life Satan comes to take away the seed that God has given and the spirit of harlotry is just one of many forms of spiritual curses that falls upon those who refuse to be obedient. The spirit of error is one curse of the Lord. The spirit of disobedience is another. The spirit of Pharmacia, the spirit of homosexuality, the spirit of poverty, an enticing spirit. There are many, many curses that God uses to destroy the disobedient and often times to chastise them with hopes that they will learn and turn from their wicked ways. This was the cause of the fall of Solomon I Kings 11:2 from the nations of whom the Lord had said to the children of Israel. You shall not intermarry with them nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods. Solomon clung to these in love. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines and his wives turned away his heart. God doesn't give instruction because he wants to simply deprive us of what is good. He knows all things he knows what's best for us. He wants to protect us from harms way. God knows the way of the devil.

An unequally yoked person will oftentimes sway the mind of the vulnerable. All are vulnerable who do not believe in God or who lives an unsaved life. They will sway those who do not have a relationship with God into drugs, sex, lies, theft, covetousness, fornication, adultery, gossip, rudeness, hatred, jealousy, backbiting and sexual immorality (homosexuality), idolatry- which is serving a false god (any other god other than Jesus Christ). The only thing that will protect you is confessing Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and savior. Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead you will be saved". Then get baptized Mark 16:16 "He who believes and is baptized will be saved. But he who does not believe will be condemned". If you have said these words you are now saved continue to pray everyday. There is scripture (daily word) on the front page every day use it.

The disobedience stemmed from the top of the hierarchy. The power and prestige of leadership can sway the faith of the masses. King Hezekiah was known to be a man of God when his story became famous when he cried out to God upon his sick bed. He was expected to die King Hezekiah believed in God and requested that God give him an additional 15 years to live. He must have really enjoyed his life. Its amazing true believers don't necessarily hold on to this life knowing that the life to come is so much better. But when life is so good, it's oftentimes hard to accept an early departure. So he prayed for an additional fifteen years and God granted it to him. In those days sickness and disease fell upon those who were disobedient. In these days it still does.

The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah to give to the Philistines. Jeremiah was a prophet who God used to deliver the prophetic word to many regions from Judah; Jerusalem to the Philistines God used Jeremiah to give a warning to the people about their conduct. Conduct is a funny thing it determines your heart. Yes, oftentimes you can cover up your true feelings with deeds, either good or bad, but ultimately what a person is really made of will eventually become evident; and this is the story of the Philistines.

In chapter 47 of Jeremiah, God gives specific warnings to the Philistines about the wrath to come. For so long the Philistines had behaved wickedly. They became arrogant in their wickedness because they thought they could get away with it. Nothing had been done to stop them. They truly didn't feel as if they could be stopped. This is many times the feeling of a bad soul, they think, like any criminal or mischievous, devious, deceptive person, that they can get away with it. They feel as if they can literally get away with anything, because if they have perpetually escaped punishment, they think that they have mastered the skill of disobedience, which comes in the form of deception, betrayal, lies, cheating, stealing, coveting, see without punishment they feel invincible. If there is nothing to discourage their misconduct what would ever cause them to stop; and that is exactly what Satan wants them to believe, it's a trap. The lure of deception for the one who deceives; "you live by the sword you die by the sword". In other words, the seed you sow is the harvest you reap. "You reap what you sow". What you do, you will pay for eventually; there is no getting around that. You can't escape God's wrath, God knows all and sees all. Oftentimes because of his great mercy he gives them a chance to repent and turn from their wicked ways which is why he sends a deliver to warn them, such as in the case of Jeremiah.

The conduct of the Philistines defined them; they were the city of thieves. They collectively stole, cheated and deceived to the point that everyone participated and it became the standard of living. Therefore; they thought no harm done, who can stop us, we all are a part of it; it's the way of living here. But God says no, the only standard of living is according to God's principles. God establishes the course of living, the standard of living for us all. Anyone who strays from God's way of living is out of order, and out of God's will. Living outside of God's will brings about destruction, so these people became self destructive. Satan had blinded their eyes to believe that they could get away with their unlawful deeds, because he made it a standard way of living amongst the ungodly, it was a trap and they fell right into it. The way so many people today fall for Satan's age old trick. That same trick that he has been using for years seems to keep working on so many blind people. They become spiritually blinded stemmed from repetitiveness; a repetitive life of disobedience to God. They had free will and they chose to use that free will to disobey God with their conduct. The way that their conduct defined them is the way that our conduct defines us. It's not what we can get away with that counts, because let's face it no one ever truly gets away with anything. It is their attitude; which suggest that they have no remorse for what they do because their conscious is seared, without retribution there is recidivism.

In Chapter 48:27 (chapter 48 verse 27) it reads; "For was not Israel a derision to you? Was he found among thieves? For whenever you speak of (Israel), you shake your head in scorn." God sent a curse upon this region of people God cut them off from his mercy and goodness. Chapter 48:26 "Make him drunk because he exalted himself against the Lord." The word drunk means intoxicated and stupefied, unaware not cognizant of the things around you, not in your right frame of mind and most often able to be taken advantage of, can be easily overthrown. God considers it a personal

attack upon him when you disobey him. The disobedient conduct that comes with arrogance and pride makes it even worse. Verse 29 reads; “We have heard the pride of Moab (he is exceedingly proud), of his loftiness and arrogance and pride and of the haughtiness of his heart.” Their pride comes in the form of the importune conduct, constantly believing that God’s word doesn’t work. That God will not punish them for what they do. They become arrogant in their ways toward God by choosing to challenge God with failing to comply with his commands. It is a commandment to honor God, not a choice. “Love the Lord thy God with all of thy heart” you can’t love what you do not obey or honor. Honor is obedience. The Ten Commandments reads you must honor God and do not serve false gods, as in idolatry. It is idolatry to serve Satan in your disobedient conduct, whether you think you can get away with it or not. It is simply arrogance to believe that you can stand against God in your attitude or your conduct by suggesting that nothing will ever happen to you. That somehow you can escape God’s punishment is just foolish pride. Verse 30 “I know his wrath says the Lord, “But it is not right; his lies have made nothing right.”

The Philistines conduct influenced the behavior of many, from Moab to Israel. Verse 21 states that “Judgment has come on the plain country; on Holon and Jahzah and Mephaath, on Dibon and Nebo and Beth Dibalathaim, on Kirjathaim and Beth Gamul and Beth Meon, and on Keriath and Bozah, and on all the cities of the land of Moab far or near. They were perpetrators. Many of them pretended to be children of God, but their conduct suggest otherwise. God saw their hearts and their ways. Verse 10 of chapter 48 of Jeremiah states; “CURSED IS HE WHO DOES THE WORK OF THE LORD DECEITFULLY.”

The riches that they obtained would perish because they were stolen. Jeremiah 48:42 “Moab shall be destroyed as a people, because he exalted himself against the Lord.” Verse 44 “He who flees from the fear shall fall into the pit, and he who gets out of the pit shall be caught in the snare. For upon Moab, upon it I will bring “the year of their punishment says the Lord.” In foreign culture there is the year of the rat, the year of the dog etc. In God there is “the year of punishment” God speaks of it as a form of extreme punishment. The punishment would be so severe that they could not escape. Everywhere they went they would experience God’s punishment, they would get out of one thing only to fall into another. Fear would over take them, and once they would overcome the fear, there would be the pit, (dismay, defeat) and a series of other things, then the snare. Satan could cause them to fall into a snare, a trap. God uses these tools as a method of punishment to separate good from evil. Without punishment there is no good or evil, it would all be the same. Some people think, (because their thinking is clouded) that they can do evil and someone else will pay the punishment. Satan makes them think that they are so clever, that they will never have to pay for their wrong doing. That is an age old lie. The fact of the matter is that everyone must pay for their wrongdoing. The story of the last Emperor of China reveals a royal diadem which would pass his punishment on to his servants. In the story a young Emperor is a boy who receives the throne as what appears to be a five year old child. He at times is “naughty” as he calls it yet he never receives punishment because his servants are punished for him. This is the arrangement of a flawed system. Not teaching the value of good and the difference of the two concepts of good and evil, even as a child is setting that person up for failure and a trap. At the end of the story, that is exactly what happened to the Emperor. He fell into a trap, from the Japanese. He ultimately paid the price for being ignorant of the godly wisdom that comes from living an obedient life thus; he died a defeated life stripped of his crown, his wife and everything that was important to him. At the end he paid for

the wrong doing. Understanding the benefit of living a righteous life in obedience to God is invaluable. There truly is no better knowledge.

The Ten Commandments; write them on your heart with Jesus Christ by living an obedient life.

#### Chapter 20:12 "Ten Commandments"

1. Honor your Father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.
2. You shall not murder.
3. You shall not commit adultery.
4. You shall not steal.
5. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
6. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor their male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's. (Do not take anything of anyone else's).
7. Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.
8. Honor the Lord thy God, You shall have no other Gods before me.
9. Do not make false gods, carved images of any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; You shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me. But showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep my commandments.
10. Do not take the Lord thy God's name in vain. For the Lord will not hold them guiltless who takes his name in vain.

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